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This case has gone on long enough and must be settled now.

By the long delays and Judge Jackson discussing this settlement while still in litigation should have thrown the whole case out as it doesn't seem to me there was a case anyway. It is apparent to me that other companies wanted a free ride on the Microsoft programs instead of going out and building their own. There must be a fine line in defining the two words "De-regulation and Antitrust". We went through the de-regulation with two major companies Pacific Gas and Electric and American Telephone and Telegraph and life has been a complete hassle for the consumer ever since.

I think Microsoft should have the right to protect and build their own programs and they have done an exemplary job of building a simplified program that even we seniors can use. It is my opinion the Justice Department is concerned for the big money companies instead of we, the people. It seems to me that all you have accomplished is to destroy the peoples confidence in you and the entire stock market because we do not know who these suits will strike next. It is my hope this suit needs to be dropped now. Let the other companies build their own programs and, if it is better, I am sure the public will buy it.

I have written to the Honorable Bill Lockyer about this case and it seems apparent that he is not listening to the consumer. While the Department of Justice needs to represent other companies, they also need to listen to the consumer as he is the one who is purchasing these programs and wants the protection and security that has been provided by the Microsoft Corporation.

Sincerely,

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